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REFERENCE A GIVES QUESTION AND ANSWER ON SUBJECT OF U.S. CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE WHICH AROSE AT DEPARTMENT PRESS BACKGROUNDER PREPARATORY TO MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. REFERENCE B PROVIDES TEXT OF WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE FOLLOWING DAY IN WHICH CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN WASHINGTON IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY EXPRESSION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT CONCERN.

FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PROVIDED DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN APRIL 16. NO QUESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT WERE ASKED.

Q: YESTERDAY A HIGH OFFICIAL HERE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE. THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF ANY REPRESENTATIONS. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS? HAVE WE MADE REPRESENTA-

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A: OUR VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ARE WELL KNOWN AND, AS WAS SAID HERE YESTERDAY, IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT WE HAVE MADE THOSE VIEWS KNOWN TO THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT.

FYI. WE WANT TO AVOID A CONTROVERSY WITH THE GOC AND THE RESPONSE SHOULD BE LEFT AT THE FOREGOING WITH NO FURTHER AMPLIFICATION. END FYI.

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